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25X1 1. Prior to 20 February 1951, the headquarters of an army corps was located on the north side of Iszaki Street, about 300 meters north-northwest of the northern tip of a large cemetery in the southwestern sector of Kecskemet (Y 6/N 95). The headquarters building was a large structure with an outside staircase leading on to the street and with 3 annex buildings in the rear. Members of the headquarters said that the corps had postal No 1376. The commanding general was a major general, about 60 years old, who was seen wearing a khaki visor cap with a gold band during a field exercise. The cap device was a gold coat of arms with golden oak leaves at the sides. The general wore golden epaulets with a gold star and an emblem, apparently a golden oak leaf instead of collar patches. Officers on the staff included Major Benyo (fmu), supply officer; Lieutenant Fekete (fmu), motor officer; and a Soviet major, advisory officer, who wore a steel-grey blouse, breeches and high black riding boots. Source knew 26 drivers and 3 mechanics among the headquarters personnel. The corps headquarters had 26 sedans of types GAZ, Pobeda, and Jeep.

2. According to a driver of the corps headquarters, the corps headquarters units were quartered in two new three-story barracks buildings on Iszaki Street, about 500 meters southwest of the corps headquarters building. The fuel dump of the headquarters was located on the extension of Iszaki Street, southwest of the city. Officers of the headquarters said that an infantry division in Kiskunfelegyhaza (Y 7/0 03), another infantry division in Kiskunhalas (Y 6/M 70) and an artillery division in Kaposvar (Y 4/A 95) were subordinate to the corps. The division in Kiskunhalas had three infantry regiments which were located in Kiskunhalas, Baja (Y 6/S 27), and in the new barracks installation in Kiskunfelegyhaza respectively. *

3. From 11 to 20 February 1951 a command post exercise was conducted near the Kigyo Fuszta dairy about 12 km south of Kiskumajsa (Y 6/N 90). The exercise was attended by 35 officers of the corps headquarters with a colonel as the ranking officer.

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The officers arrived in 25 sedans and trucks and were billeted in the dairy and in tents. The exercise was referred to as a tactical field program for officers. No unit with the exception of a signal unit participated in it.

25X1* [redacted] Comment. According to other reports, motorized infantry regiments, believed to be components of the infantry division in the Kiskunhalas area, are located in Baja, Kalocsa and Szeged.

25X1 Since the present report partially contradicts the reference reports, further information is required to identify the regiments actually assigned to the division.

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